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SUBJ: ICAO: COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 26, C/OB 89/3

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1. COUNCIL GAVE ENTIRE MEETING TO FIRST ITEM (GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES). CANADIAN REP BEDARD, CHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP CONDITIONS SERVICE, INTRODUCED CWP 6410, IN WHICH WG RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF SYG PAPER INCREASING SALARIES RETROACTIVELY TO APRIL 1975. BEDARD THEN GAVE COMMENTS "AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA," WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE GG DISCUSSIONS, I.E. EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE RETROACTIVE NATURE OF THIS FURTHER INCREASE BASED ON "NEW METHODOLOGY" AND ABOUT AMENDING A COUNCIL DECISION OF JUNE 1976. US AND UK ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT SETTING A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW COUNCIL TO TAKE "CORRECTIVE ACTION" IN FUTURE WHICH IN EFFECT CHANGES PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS. THEN "AS CHAIRMAN WG CONDITIONS SERVICE," BEDARD FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE INCREASE IN GS SALARIES. LEBANON AND MOROCCO SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL. SEVERAL OTHERS (BRAZIL, NIGERIA ETC) HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE INCREASE BUT HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE

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PRESENTATION IN WP 6387 AND WITH THE PROCEDURAL

ASPECT OF CHANGING A FORMER COUNCIL DECISION. GERMAN REP, UNHAPPY WITH CANADIAN REP'S ACTIONS IN VIEW OF GG UNDERSTANDING, SUGGESTED ACTION SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO STATUTORY MAJORITY AND POSSIBLY ROLL CALL VOTE. CANADIAN REP BECAME OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED AND BACKED OFF FROM PUSHING HIS PROPOSAL. UK PERSISTED IN EXPRESSING OUTRAGE RE THE WP AND FINALLY PRESIDENT COUNCIL SUGGESTED FOLLOWING CHANGE IN ACTION PARA 8 (A) CWP 6387: "IN LIGHT OF FURTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON MOVEMENT TRENDS ON OUTSIDE SALARIES, TO APPROVE EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1975, FURTHER INCREASE OF 1.3 O/O IN THE 1 APRIL 1975 NET SALARIES OF GS CATEGORY, AND TO APPROVE THE CONSEQUENTIAL NEW SALARY SCALES..." PROCEDURAL HASSLE ENSUED IN WHICH CANADIAN REP TRIED TO HAVE HIS 6410 PROPOSAL MODIFIED IN KEEPING WITH PRESIDENT COUNCIL SUGGESTION. IN EXASPERATION KENYA FINALLY MADE CLEARCUT NEW PROPOSAL RELATED TO ACTION PARA 8 AND AT REQUEST OF US, CHAIRMAN OF WG (CANADA) WITHDREW ORIGINAL PROPOSAL (WHICH ANNOYED HIM BECAUSE HE WISHED TO BE ON RECORD WITH GOC AS HAVING BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INCREASING THE SALARIES OF GS CATEGORY WHICH IS 80 O/O CANADIAN.)

2. ITEMS 2, 3 AND 4 APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION INCLUDING SITE/DATE OF 22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HAVING NO POSITION USREP ASSUMED WP REFLECTED US POSITION.

3. COUNCIL SESSION FORMALLY BEGINS NOVEMBER 8 (MONDAY) AT WHICH TIME REMAINING ITEMS ON OB STARTING WITH #5 WILL BE TAKEN UP.
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